

Personal Mention.

Brother J. H. Palmer is busily engaged in revival work at Roanoke, Ind.

Brother Rensch reports a very pleasant communion service, and one accession to the flock.

Brother P. M. Swinehart, of Lattasburg, Ohio, gave us a pleasant call on Thanksgiving Day.

Brother Alvin Byers is preaching some excellent sermons in the College Chapel Sabbath mornings.

Brother W. D. Furry reports three baptisms and meeting still in progress with good interest and attendance.

Sister Laura Grossnickle begins a protracted meeting at Pioneer, Ohio, Dec. 9. She informs us that the services in Hagerstown have closed. Brother Copp will report.

The meeting at Rosedale, Pa., is going on with unabated interest. The latest report from Brother Darling says, *thirteen* more have made the good confession, making *thirty-five* in all.

Brother S. W. Wilt sends us a circular which he uses in his revival work with good success. It contains a summary of our faith with Scriptural references, and serves as an excellent advertising medium.

When last heard from brother J. D. McFaden was in Meyersdale, Pa. By the time this reaches our readers, he is expected at Ashland. Services have been announced for him at this place, Thursday evening, Dec. 3.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that Brother Shively will continue his letters from California, under the following heads:—1. Geography and Topography of San Joaquin Valley. 2. Its Products and Markets. 3. Its Moral Atmosphere. 4. California in Contrast with the Eastern States. 5. The Church and its Outlook. 6. Brethren Workers,—Past and Present. 7. California's Educational Standard. 8. The Future of California. 9. Colonization,—what it means to the Colonist.

Brother J. L. Gillin in a letter says: "I have attacked without fear the sins of the town and it has raised a hub-bub. We have big crowds. The church has been filled every night. This week we shall begin to get down to work for the sinners." A fearless preacher! Thank God for such. The world needs them, and it is a comfort to know that the Lord blesses their efforts to the salvation of souls. Here are some subjects announced for the week; Idolatry, The Friend Incarnate, Zaccheus the Publican, Signs of Repentance, Thou, The Freedom of Truth, The Syrophenician Woman.

Brother A. B. Gnagey, the Brethren Publication Board's acting office agent leaves to-day (Wednesday) for Meyersdale, Pa., where he will spend eight or ten days visiting his parents and numerous friends. Brother Gnagey holds good papers from the Lock Haven, Pa., State Normal School where he graduated in the year 1891. Since then he has taken a course in shorthand and typewriting, at the Waterloo Business College, Waterloo, Iowa, and has become very efficient in the art. In 1894 he was called to take charge of shorthand and typewriting department in Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls, Iowa, and in 1895 to the same position in Ashland University, and in connection with his work as teacher took charge of the clerical work in the office of the Brethren Book and Tract Committee. At the

General Conference, held this fall, a Publication Board was elected and he was made the Board's business agent at the office of publication which position he now holds, performing his duties very creditably. He is both prompt and accurate in all his business transactions, and having been very closely confined to his duties in the office for more than a year, he will enjoy all the more the little "outing" which he so much deserves.

HERE AND THERE.

I hear people talking about having the "rough side" out, as tho one could have a "smooth side" in and a "rough side" out. Now, I have learned this, that when a man has a rough outside, he is certain to have the same kind of an inside.

Some people seem to think that the whole of religion consists in crying and shedding tears. If this is so then babies are very religious creatures.

The Bible says that Christians are to let their light shine and not hide it under a bushel. There must be many bushels in the churches or else all the lights have gone. If you were to turn these bushels over, the probability is that you would find darkness there. You don't need a bushel to hide darkness.

Sometime ago I made a proposition to the readers of the EVANGELIST to pay for the first twenty-five subscribers that will send in their names stating that they are too poor to pay for the paper. This offer has cost me but \$1.00 so far. I will now make another proposition. I do not know how much there is due the office, but if *five-sixths* of the amount due now, is paid between this and the close of the year, I will give \$75 to the National Mission Board, and \$75 to the Publishing House; and if the whole amount is paid, I will give \$100 to each. Now let the indebtedness be cleared up.

QUIET OBSERVER.

NOTED PERSONS.

The *Religious Telescope* gives the following interesting items concerning some of the world's noted persons:

The lord lieutenant of Ireland receives \$100,000 for his services and expenses.

Italy pays its king \$2,600,000 a year, in spite of the fact that it has lost 10,000 men in Abyssinia.

Munkacsy, the celebrated Hungarian artist, who painted "Christ before Pilate," is reported dying at Buda-Pesth.

If little Alfonso of Spain saves as he should he will be one of the richest monarchs in Europe when he comes of age, as the government allows him \$1,400,000 a

year, besides \$400,000 additional for family expenses.

The Prince of Wales gets \$200,000 a year for the labor of being heir apparent.

Tho the United States is such a wealthy nation, our President receives the small salary of \$50,000 a year, and until 1873 it was but \$25,000.

The German emperor receives about \$4,000,000 a year, besides the large revenues from the estates belonging personally to the royal family.

Helen Keller, blind and deaf, has passed the Harvard examinations with credit and without special preparation, and enters Radcliffe College under sixteen years of age.

The president of France receives \$240,000 a year—a large salary when it is remembered that the government is struggling under a debt of \$6,000,000,000, which is the largest debt ever incurred by any nation.

The late Ex-Speaker Crisp was for many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. As a judge of courts, congressman, and citizen he held a high place among his fellow-citizens of Georgia.

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Ashland University, the Prudential Committee, want to say that for reasons herein after stated we withdraw the announcement for the opening of the school on January 1, next, and postpone the same until the beginning of the school year. While the Finance Committee has been vigorously pushing the canvass of delinquent congregations on their apportionments since National Conference, and have met with triumphant success as far as they have gone, yet it has required more time than was anticipated, and as there are still a few congregations in Ohio and Pennsylvania to canvass, it would be impossible to collect in these apportionments and adjust the indebtedness of the institution yet within this year, and it is the sense of the committee that the doors of the University may not be opened again until all the debts are adjusted. About 80 per cent. of the apportionments are paid, and have expressed their willingness to pay, and another tug and pull for a few weeks, and the Finance Committee will be ready to make the announcement that the \$10,000.00 apportionment is raised, and that the same be paid in.

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